



This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants, employment opportunities and other items of interest. Comments and feedback are appreciated. Contact Maria Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/newslet.html>. Also, if you want to be removed from this mailing list, contact Maria Castain.

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings and Conferences

 Jul 16	Nevada Tribal Interagency Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting	South Lake Tahoe, CA	Contact Nancy Sockabasin, 415-972-3772 sockabasin.nancy@epa.gov
 Jul 22	California Tribal Interagency Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting	Oakland, CA	http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/workgroups.html
Jul 29-31	Regional Tribal Operation Committee (RTOC)	Sells, AZ	Tina Williams, 415-972-3784 or Williams.tina@epa.gov
 Oct. 20-21	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Tina Williams, 415-972-3784 or Williams.tina@epa.gov
 Oct 22-24	16 th Annual Region 9 Tribal/EPA Conference	San Francisco, CA	Contact lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us or go to http://events.ichotelsgroup.com/DPRD-7D4NJ3/SFOGG/website/_or http://www.plpt.nsn.us/conference/docs/2008CallforTopics.pdf

Sponsors: EPA, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, Western States Regional Grantees, State CLPPPs, HUD & Partners

Jun 9-11	Transitioning from Lead Poisoning Elimination to Healthy Homes	Las Vegas, NV	Barbara Hairston, 323-869-7064 bhairston@ph.lacounty.gov
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EPA, CDC and HUD welcome tribal government officials to serve as session speakers and/or panel members to address childhood lead poisoning in Indian Country, with a focus on efforts by Tribes to identify and reduce childhood lead poisoning among tribal members. Region 9 folks should call David Tomsovic 415-972-3858 or email tomsovic.david@epa.gov. For reservations call 800-635-7711, Code: SGNVEHA to reserve you hotel room.

Sponsor: EPA

Co-hosts: The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA)

Jun 3-5	Air Quality	Las Vegas, NV	Contact: Sharlene Brown, 928-523-5504 or email Sharlene.Brown@nau.edu
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A limited number of travel scholarships are available for tribes. ITEP will cover hotel and per diem costs for tribal participants on a limited basis

Sponsor: Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

Jun 16-20	5 th Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference.html or call Michelle Silver, 928-871-7759
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**Sponsor: The National Indian Justice Center**

Sept 17-19	Federal Indian Law	Reno, NV	www.nijc.org or call 707-597-9019
Dec 3-5	"Meth" Crisis	Las Vegas, NV	See above

Sponsors: National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, Montana/Wyoming Tribal Leaders and U.S. EPA

Jun 24-27	8 th National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management.	Billings, MT	Allyson Kelley at 406 252-2550 or go to: http://www.ntcem8.org/
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Sponsor: Indigenous Environment Network (IEN)

Jul 17-20	Protecting Mother Earth's Call for Healing—Reaffirming Our Roots	Lee, NV	IEN 218-751-4967, ien@igc.org
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Sponsor: Department of Energy (DOE) Tribal Energy Program

Jul 21-24	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Tribal Community and Project Development	Albuquerque, NM	http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/upcoming_events.cfm
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Trainings and Workshops

Sponsor: Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Solid Waste Program


	Arizona Tribal Interagency Solid Waste Workgroup Meeting	Phoenix, AZ	Cynthia Naha, SRPMIC, 480-362-7637 Cynthia.Naha@SRPMIC-nsn.gov or Michelle Baker, EPA, 415-972-3206 Baker.Michelle@epa.gov
June 17			

There is no fee; registration is necessary to ensure there is enough materials and space available. For a copy of the registration form contact Joshua Allan, 602-258-4825 or email Joshua.Allan@itcaonline.com. Travel reimbursements are available through the Tribal Travel Fund, email: tribal_travel@epa.gov

ITCA will provide travel reimbursement for tribal operators and per diem based on Federal Government Regulations. Travel and per diem reimbursement are available for confirmed participants from tribes located in the EPA Region 9 area. Your participation ensures that the tribal water operator certification program continues to meet your needs.

U. S. EPA, Region 9

	Water Quality Environmental Results and Watershed Based Planning	San Francisco, CA	Tiffany Eastman eastman.tiffany@epa.gov or Audrey L. Johnson 415-972-3431 johnson.audreyL@epa.gov
Jul 9-10			
	WQX/STORET Training	San Francisco, CA	Audrey L. Johnson 415-972-3431, johnson.audreyL@epa.gov or Eric Wilson, 415-972-3454 wilson.eric@epa.gov ;
Jul 11			
	The EPA Clean Water Act Tribal Workshop	San Francisco, CA	Ann Murphy, 415-972-3640 or Murphy.ann@epa.gov
Aug 14			

 Sep 23-25	Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Workshop	Maricopa, AZ	Tiffany Eastman, Eastman.tiffany@epa.gov or Audrey Johnson 415-972-3431 or johnson.audrey1@epa.gov
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Sponsor: Nielsen Field School

These courses are specifically designed to meet the environmental training needs of: environmental consultants, contractors, laboratory staff, and government agency environmental staff: federal, state, regional, county, city, tribal industry environmental staff. For more information email the school at info@envirofieldschool.com, call 740-965-5026 or visit their Web site at www.envirofieldschool.com.



Sponsor: Housing and Urban Development

Jun 17-19	Greener Homes, Creating Energy Efficient, Comfortable and Healthy Tribal Homes	Reno, NV	Free registration www.firstpic.org ; or call Rebecca Smith at rsmith@firstpic.org .
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Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center

Aug. 6-7	NEPA: Writing the perfect EA/FONSI or Environmental Impact Statement	Phoenix, AZ	Call 206-762-1976 or go to www.nwetc.org ; krobson@nwetc.org
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Note: GAP funds cannot pay for someone to write an EA or EIS.

Sponsor: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.

Oct. 27-31	Princeton Groundwater's Remediation Course	Orlando, FL	Call 813-964-0800 or email info@Princeton-groundwater.com
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Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators. <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email betanzo.elin@epa.gov.

Bill Helmich Associates Training Seminars

A brochure for training seminars is available from Bill Helmich Associates, P. O. Box 789, Sandia Park, NM 87047 505-281-9884 or visit: <http://www.billhelmichassociates.com>

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professions (ITEP)

Aug 12-14	Identifying, Eliminating and Regulating Illegal Dumps in Indian Country	Denver, CO	http://www4.nau.edu/itep/eic or call Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840
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ITEP is looking for tribal staff members currently engaged in conducting environmental inspections who would be interested in acting as tribal instructors for ITEP courses. If interested, contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840. For a catalog of courses, call Lydia Scheer, or visit: [**http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp](http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp). Also, assist the growing number of tribes developing pollution-control regulations for their reservations, the Environmental, Compliance and Inspection (ECI) program will soon launch a Tribal Codes and Ordinances course in October 2008. Call Todd Barnell for more information.

Grants and Loans

Grants.gov

Funding from the Tribal Energy Program is through a competitive process. Each funding opportunity will include instructions on how to apply, application content, and the criteria by which applications will be selected for funding. Only applications submitted through Grants.gov can be considered for award. To submit an application, you must complete the one-time registration process. As the registration process in Grants.gov may take 21 days or more to complete and must take place prior to submitting an application, applicants are encouraged to begin the process at least three weeks before the application due date. See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grants.gov Customer Support Center between 7am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 (1-800-518-GRANTS) or at support@grants.gov.

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Source Reduction, Pollution Prevention & Clean Energy

EPA requests proposals for the Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program, for projects that support pollution prevention/source reduction and/or resource conservation projects that reduce or eliminate pollution at the source. Examples of regional priorities include, but are not limited to, the promotion of energy conservation and renewable energy projects that reduce greenhouse gases; green building in K-12 schools, or in the residential business sector; pollution prevention as a means to address environmental justice; and environmentally preferable purchasing, including renewable energy certificate market development projects. \$1.090 million expected to be available, up to 40 awards anticipated. Responses due June 9. For more information, including regional priorities and contacts, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/srap08.htm>.



FY08 National Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Project Solicitation

Proposals for this grant are due June 9 in Washington DC. Late or misdirected proposals will not be reviewed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Heather White at 415 972-3384 to ensure you are sending your application to the correct address. Late or misdirected proposals will not be reviewed. For more details, please go to the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-osw-08-03.pdf>.

Also, the Headquarters office will host a 'planning meeting' for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's draft tribal strategy at the upcoming national tribal conference in Billings, Montana. The meeting will be on Monday, June 23 from 8:30am - noon at the Holiday Inn Conference Center. Any questions about the planning meeting should be directed to Felicia Wright at 202-566-1886 or wright.felicia@epa.gov

Environmental Justice Small Grants Program (EJSG)

The EJSG Program supports projects that address a local environmental and public health issue within an affected community and is designed to help communities understand and address their exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. An "affected community," for the purposes of this program, is a community that is disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks and has a local environmental and/or public health issue that is identified in the proposal. \$800K is expected to be available and up to 40 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 30. For more information, contact Sheila Lewis at lewis.sheila@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>.

FY09 Pesticides Tribal Circuit Rider:

EPA Region 9's Pesticide Office will be soliciting proposals from Federally-recognized tribes in Region 9 who want to work in partnership with at least one other tribe to develop and implement a pesticide program. Participant tribes should develop a proposal that designates a lead tribe and includes a plan to hire, train and manage a Tribal Pesticide Circuit Rider. The selected project can expect work to begin October 1, 2008. The project period for this award is two to three years. Funding levels may vary from \$100,000 to a maximum of

\$200,000. EPA has posted the RFP on EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/rfps.html> . For more information call Lawrence Torres at (415) 947-4211 or email torres.lawrence@epa.gov.

Conferences, Workshops and Meetings

EPA has issued a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for conferences, workshops, and/or meetings. Through this BAA, EPA seeks proposals for planning, arranging, administering and/or conducting conferences, workshops, and/or meetings that focus on research to protect human health and safeguard the environment. Subject areas include, but are not limited to: Economics and sustainability; and air and global climate change. \$500K is expected to be available and up to 15 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 8 and December 9. For more information, contact Bernice Smith at smith.bernicel@epa.gov or go to: http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2008/2008_baa.html.

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loans are innovative methods of financing a range of water quality and safe drinking water projects. Under the CWSRF & DWSRF programs, EPA Region 9 provides grants or "seed money" to the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii and Nevada to capitalize individual state CWSRF and DWSRF loan funds. The states, in turn, make loans to communities and individuals for high-priority water quality and drinking water activities. Tribes are also eligible to receive CWSRF and DWSRF loans from the states. The programs are managed by the states, and loans or other types of assistance for water quality and drinking water projects are distributed according to each state's program and priorities. Eligible projects under the DWSRF include installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage facilities and transmission and distribution systems. Projects to consolidate water supplies may also be eligible. CWSRF loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants, to develop or implement estuary improvement projects, and to implement nonpoint source pollution control activities. For more state specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Grants and Loans

USDA requests proposals for Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements Grants and Guaranteed Loans. This initiative supports the purchase of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements for agriculture producers and rural small businesses in eligible rural areas. \$15 million is expected to be available and 250 awards anticipated. Applications are due June 16. For more info, go to: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=41021>

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)

Energy Frontier Research Centers (EFRC)

DOE requests proposals for the EFRC to accelerate the rate of scientific breakthroughs needed to create advanced energy technologies for the 21st century. The EFRC will pursue the fundamental understanding necessary to meet the global need for abundant, clean, and economical energy. Through this initiative, DOE seeks to bring together the skills and talents of multiple investigators to enable fundamental research of a scope and complexity that would not be possible with the standard individual investigator or small group research project. \$500 million is expected to be available and up to 50 awards are anticipated. Responses are due October 1. For more information, contact Emiela Bradford at emiela.bradford@ch.doe.gov or go to: <https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/933104E42D0185E58525742100694C78?OpenDocument>.

Miscellaneous Grants and Funding Opportunities:



Global Warming Countermeasures

Toyota Motor Corporation requests proposals for the Toyota Environmental Activities Grant Program. This program supports environmental revitalization and conservation activities, for the purpose of sustainable development. The themes this year are "Global Warming Countermeasures" and "Biodiversity Conservation." \$1.8 million is expected to be available. Responses are due June 20. For more information, go to: <http://www.toyota.co.jp/en/environment/ecogrant/>



Power, Buildings, Transportation, and Climate

The Energy Foundation accepts proposals on a continuous basis in the areas of power, building, transportation, and climate. The Foundation's mission is to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy, an essential component of a clean energy future. For more information, go to: <http://www.ef.org/>.

Arizona Water Protection Fund (AWPF)

The FY 2009 AWPf Commission grant cycle provides funding for projects that directly maintain, enhance and restore river and riparian resources; implement innovative river and riparian research; and implement water conservation measures or programs outside of the 5 Active Management Areas. There will be approximately \$4 million for grant awards. The Commission will be accepting applications under all funding categories (capital, research and water conservation). The FY 2009 Grant Application Manual is located on the AWPf site at www.awpf.state.az.us or a copy may be mailed to you by calling you Michelle Moreno at 602-71-8528. Grant applications will be due no later than June 11, 2008 by 3:00 p.m. The Commission will make grant award selections on October 20, 2008.

Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to "Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection". Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines are available on the WCB's web page. http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp

California Department of Water Resources 2008 Water Use Efficiency Proposal Solicitation

This grant program will primarily fund projects that are not locally cost effective, and that provide multi-benefits such as water savings or in-stream flows and timing, water quality, and energy savings. Benefits can be local, to the Bay-Delta or to the State. Cost-sharing is required but, disadvantaged communities can request full cost of projects with no local cost-sharing. The total amount available for the 2008 Grant Funding Cycle is \$35.3 million. One unique component of the 2008 Grant Program is the availability of technical assistance provided by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Self Help Enterprise to identify projects and develop proposals for tribal and disadvantaged communities. For more information, go to: <http://www.owue.water.ca.gov/finance/index.cfm> or contact Wayne Verrill, 916 653-4863 or wverrill@water.ca.gov.

Integrated Waste Management Board

The Farm and Ranch Solid Waste Cleanup and Abatement Grant Programs provide funding from the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for cleanup of illegal solid waste sites on farm or ranch property. Grants are limited to \$50,000 per cleanup or abatement project with a limit of \$200,000 per year for each eligible applicant. Only cities, counties, resource conservation districts and Native American tribes may apply. There are no specific filing dates; grant applications are accepted continuously and

reviewed on a quarterly basis. General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

This program seeks to invest in projects that develop new knowledge about how water use and management activities interact with and affect key aquatic species and environmental processes across spatial and temporal scales. The geographic areas of interest are the San Francisco Bay Estuary and the Bay-Delta System. To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California Endowment Program

The California Endowment is pleased to offer a new Grant Application Guide for prospective applicants. Several changes have been made in application procedures to better focus resources to make lasting improvements in the health of Californians. In conjunction with the launch, The Endowment is also hosting a series of information sessions throughout the state. For more information, please go to <http://www.calendow.org> or call 800-449-4149.

Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html> For more information, call Jessica Counts 415-972-3288.

Miscellaneous Items of Interest



The Environmental Protection Agency's 2008 Report on the Environment (EPA 2008 ROE)

EPA 2008 ROE provides the American people with an important resource to understand trends in the conditions of the air, water, land, and human health of the United States. This report uses scientifically sound measures, called indicators, to address fundamental questions relevant to the EPA's mission to protect the environment and human health. To accomplish this mission, EPA must pay close attention to trends in the condition of the Nation's environment. This information is captured in this report and can help EPA prioritize its work and focus on human health and ecological activities that can lead to improvements in the conditions of the Nation's environment. For a more interactive experience, visit the ROE Indicators at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/roe>.



Preventable Disease

Childhood lead poisoning is an entirely preventable disease. To understand, identify and safely remove sources of lead, call David Tomsovic, Region 9, at 415-972-3858 or email tomsovic.david@epa.gov or go to the following Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/lead/pubs/chancefactsheet.pdf>

New EPA Regulation to Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning

EPA issued a new regulation for the Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Painting Program. It applies to paid contractors renovating or repairing pre-1978 housing, schools, daycare centers and other child-occupied facilities. It requires paid contractors to use lead-safe work practices to reduce lead hazards and the risk of childhood lead poisoning. Letters from Regional Administrator Wayne Nastri were sent to all Region IX tribal executive officers and environmental directors informing them of the new rule. The new rule is a big step to reach the national strategic goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning by 2010 by preventing exposure to lead hazards. Contact: EPA Region IX Toxics Office, David Tomsovic, 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov. or go to EPA's press release on the rule: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/bd4379a92ceceeac8525735900400c27/5fc0577fb1a6df5a8525741d006366a2!OpenDocument>

Digital Television Transition and Potential Impacts to Tribal Governments

After February 17, 2009, all full-power television stations will broadcast only in digital, as required by the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005. Subscribers to TV services (e.g., cable or satellite) or televisions with a digital tuner will not be affected by the transition. EPA is encouraging consumers that receive over the air broadcasts, either through "rabbit ears" on their sets or a roof antenna, on analog TV sets to extend the life of their TV by purchasing a digital converter box. Many entities, including tribal governments, may experience higher rates of disposal and/or dumping of old televisions and related e-waste during this time. Tribal governments can address this transition by providing e-waste recycling programs and by providing outreach to their communities to encourage reuse through the purchase of a digital converter box. For consumers that choose to buy a new digital TV, EPA recommends energy efficient sets with the ENERGY STAR label. For information on where to recycle unwanted TVs, where to find energy efficient TVs, and additional resources such as the TV Converter Box Coupon Program, visit our Web site:

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/recycle/ecycling/tv-convert.htm>. To talk with a member of the Tribal Solid Waste Team to discuss e-waste collection program development and outreach options, go to <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/index.html#contact> to identify your liaison.

Scholarships for Minority Students Going Unclaimed

A large amount of scholarship money that has been set aside by companies for deserving minority students are either collecting dust or being returned to businesses because of a lack of interest. For more information, please go to: http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/docs/minority_scholarships.pdf or http://www.tapartnership.org/cc/career_funding.asp so that money will not go to waste.

Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities

A new EPA Web site features dozens of projects that local communities can do to help make the air cleaner and healthier to breathe. The "Improving Air Quality in Your Community" Web site features activities for reducing both indoor and outdoor pollution, including diesel engine retrofit programs, improving air quality in local schools, and pollution prevention options for small businesses. These projects have a successful track record--they were previously put into action by state and local governments across the country. This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, 202-564-4355 / milbourn.cathy@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>

Methamphetamine labs.

EPA is the Chair for the National Response Center (NRC)--"the sole national point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories." To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675. NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>

Drinking Water Training Opportunities for Tribes and Tribal Operators

A new website is available that provides a consolidated list of drinking water training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators during the upcoming months. This list organizes courses from many training providers by region, and it also includes a list of trainings that are available online. This list will be updated quarterly, so if you would like to highlight an upcoming training course on this list please send an email to betanzo.elin@epa.gov. The website can be accessed at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal.html>

Office of Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians

The Department of Interior, OST for American Indians manages more than \$67 million in Indian Trust accounts for more than 63,000 account holders whose whereabouts are currently unknown due to outdated or incomplete contact information. OST is searching for these people to distribute their funds to them. To find out if you or someone you know is on this OST list, visit their Web site at www.doi.gov/ost and click on "Locating IIM Account Holders". The Trust Beneficiary Call Center toll free number is 1-888-678-6836 or

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations* which can be ordered by calling 1-800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, binder.jonathan@epa.gov, or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, tunis.catherine@epa.gov or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers

EPA has just issued a new publication as part of its effort to support innovative, market-based approaches to water quality trading. The *Water Quality Trading Toolkit for Permit Writers: Interim Technical Guide* provides National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting authorities with the tools they need to incorporate trading provisions into permits. The Toolkit also serves as EPA's first "how-to" manual on designing and implementing trading programs consistent with EPA's 2003 *National Water Quality Trading Policy* and will be valuable to all stakeholders. The Toolkit is a web-based document available at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterqualitytrading/WQTTToolkit.html>.

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook presents information on complying with Federal laws and regulations and maintaining school facilities that are safe and healthy for students and staff. Topics include asbestos, chemical use and management, drinking water, pesticides, PCBs, lead-based paint, and more. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

America's Children and the Environment Web Site

This Web site provides measures of environmental factors related to the health and well being of children in the United States. The Web site shows trends in environmental contaminant levels in air, water, food, and soil; concentrations of contaminants measured in the bodies of children and women; and childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposure to environmental contaminants. Ultimately these measurements will help guide efforts to minimize environmental impacts on the nation's children and also will form discussions among policymakers and the public about how to improve federal data. The updated measures are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children>

Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM)

The Grants Administration Division (GAD) of OARM is issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) to provide administrative and financial systems assistance and advice to Tribes. They are particularly interested in SBA 8(A) firms. This SOW is the one for which GAD has allotted yearly funding. Annual funding levels are anticipated between \$200,000 and \$400,000, with actual levels depending on the Agency's budget situation. It also could go

higher in the event that other programs would like to join forces and supply funds as well. If anyone has any questions, please contact Glen Langlois at 202-564-5296 or via email at langlois.glen@epa.gov.

Indian Health Service (IHS) Web-based Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS)

IHS selects tribal drinking water, wastewater, and solid waste construction projects for funding every year from their SDS list. This list is accessible on the Internet at <https://wstars.ihs.gov> through a Public Login. To review a list of tribal projects on the SDS list, including their relative ranking, select an IHS Area and run a report of the SDS one-line listing. If you know of a tribal infrastructure need that should be included on the SDS list, but is not, contact your local IHS Office of Environmental Health to learn how the list is updated for your tribe.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazardous Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, California, and Carson City, Nevada who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident in Arizona.

Department of Agricultural (USDA)

USDA's Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program

The Tribal Transit Technical Assistance Program, funded by the USDA Rural Business and Cooperative Service assists tribal communities in promoting economic growth and development by improving transportation services. The program provides planning assistance for facilities development, transit service improvements and expansion, new system start-up, policy and procedure development, marketing, transportation coordination, training and public transit problem solving activities. Deadlines are on a rolling basis. For more information, visit <http://www.ctaa.org/techassist/usda/M-STAPPN.pdf>

EPA Activities for Tribal outreach, review and comment

Office of Water (OW) Draft Climate Change Strategy

On March 28, EPA's Office of Water made available for comment a public review draft of the *National Water Program Strategy: Response to Climate Change*. The draft Strategy can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/water/climatechange/>. This draft document represents the National Water Program's initial effort to identify potential impacts of climate change for clean water and drinking water programs and define actions to respond to these impacts. Please submit comments to Water_Climate_Change@epa.gov or call Jose Auguto, 202-564-0289 or email auguto.jose@epa.gov. Deadline is May 27, 2008.

Federal Interagency Effort to Increase Tribal Access to Safe Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

In June 2007, EPA, IHS, USDA, HUD, and DOI signed two MOUs designed in part to assist tribes in improving quality of life through the delivery of quality infrastructure services in support of tribal housing and tribal communities, and to encourage parties to coordinate execution of existing drinking water and sanitation improvement programs in Indian country with a full understanding of each party's programs. The interagency Task Force established the Access Subgroup to develop an implementation plan that strives to reduce by 50 percent the number of homes lacking access to safe drinking water and safe waste water disposal by 2015. The implementation plan is under development, and subgroup representatives would be pleased to discuss with tribes, the scope and status of the recommended actions. For more information, contact: Elin Betanzo 202-564-1807 or betanzo.elin@epa.gov

OAR Development of a Proposed Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule

Under the FY2008 Consolidated Appropriations Act, Congress directed EPA to publish a mandatory greenhouse gas reporting rule, using the Agency's existing authority under the Clean Air Act. The rule will require mandatory reporting of greenhouse gases "above appropriate thresholds in all sectors of the economy." EPA is responsible for determining those thresholds, as well as the frequency of reporting. Congress requested EPA to include reporting of emissions "resulting from upstream productions and downstream sources," to the extent that the Agency deems appropriate. Tribes that own or operate large upstream or downstream facilities within their reservation boundaries may be impacted by this rule. EPA intends to propose a rule by September 2008 and a final rule by June 2009. For more information contact Katherine Sibold, 202-343-280 or sibold.katherine@epa.gov

Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) Draft Tribal Consultation Guidance

This guidance describes OAQPS' views regarding tribal consultation and assists OAQPS personnel in reviewing EPA actions for effects on tribes and consulting with tribes. Early and meaningful tribal involvement is consistent with the federal trust responsibility to federally-recognized tribes and furthers the Agency's overall goal of protecting human health and the environment. This guidance has been and continues to be reviewed by tribal representatives, and additional input is welcome by June 1. For more information contact Laura McKelvey, 919-541-5497 or mckelvey.laura@epa.gov

Office of Grants and Debarment Draft Revised Grants Management Plan (GMP)

The current GMP runs through FY 2008. It has served as the Agency's roadmap for addressing the long-standing grants management weakness, which was finally eliminated at the end of FY 2007. EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment is working to put a revised GMP in place, to go into effect in FY 2009 that will prevent the weakness from recurring and maintain EPA's current status as a 'best practice' agency for grants management. Similar to the process we used for the original GMP, we would like to receive Tribal input on the revised GMP. The draft revised Plan would apply to all of the Agency's grant programs (i.e., grants to Tribes, States, local governments, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions). It emphasizes, among other things, the importance of demonstrating grant environmental results, promoting grant management through a skilled workforce, and ensuring that our grant award, policymaking and IT systems are efficient and effective for both Agency personnel and EPA's partners. Tribal input is appreciated by June 13. For a copy of the latest draft of the agency's revised GMP, contact Laurice Jones, 202564-0223 or jones.laurice@epa.gov

Employment Opportunities



Water Quality Program Coordinator, Yerington Paiute Tribe

This person will be responsible for implementation of work plan activities and compliance with federal grant requirements, under a one year Tribal Water Quality contract. This is a 40-hour per week position plus benefits and salary is \$12.89 an hour. For more information, contact Katie Emm, at 775-463-3301 or 775-8983-3895, or e-mail admin@ypt-nsn.gov

**Pesticide Control Specialist - Ak-Chin Indian Community, Maricopa, AZ**

Under general supervision of the Environmental Protection Director and direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager, the Pesticide Control Specialist will be responsible for monitoring all aspects of pesticide usage on the Ak-Chin Indian Community to protect Community residents, pesticide handlers, pesticide applicators, agricultural workers and the environment. The Pesticide Control Specialist will also assist with program development and implementation of the Pesticide Control Program. This is a full-time position with benefits. For more information, log on to www.ak-chin.nsn.us or call Salinda Lopez, 520-568-1054

Two Senior Environmental Specialist and Two Environmental Engineer positions

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency is aggressively seeking qualified applications for two Senior Environmental Specialist positions, and two Environmental Engineer positions. AQP is a pollution monitoring and regulatory authority with Treatment as State (TAS) status, and is the first Indian Tribe to attain delegated authority to administer the Clean Air Act (CAA), Part 71 Operating Permit Program (Title V – Permits). These positions will be opened until filled. To complete an application, go to www.nndpm.navajo.org or mail completed application to the Navajo Nation Department of Personnel Management, P. O. Box 7080, Window Rock, AZ 86515. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at charlenenelson@navajo.org.

Environmental Program Specialist (EPS), Yurok Tribe

This position is entirely grant funded and grant writing is an important and necessary function. The EPS will be assigned to the following environmental areas: water quality and hydrology monitoring, assessment and reporting, environmental education, data management, and/or administration. This is a full time permanent position with the benefits: For job description and more information log onto www.yuroktribe.org or call 707-482-1350 ext. 376

Air Quality Compliance Specialist, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians

Under the general supervision of the Cabazon Environmental Department Environmental Coordinator, field monitoring, testing, investigation and survey activities as necessary for air quality regulatory compliance will be performed. This position requires a Bachelors Degree and directly relevant experience in air quality a plus. For more information contact Human Resources, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, Fantasy Springs Resort, Paul Soama, 760-342-2593, ext. 85751

Web sites for tribal programs and other federal programs

<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>

<http://www.doi.gov/bureau-indian-affairs.html>

<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html#leads>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/grants.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/ow/waterplan/tribal/index.html>
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>
<http://www.metrokc.gov/hazwaste/house/cleaners.html>
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>
<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>
<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>